Amendments to the Specification

Page 6, lines 19-23. Please amend the paragraph spanning these lines as follows:

To support a new resource, additional scalar and non-scalar types can be defined via the XML tag TYPEDEF class= . . . . This means that the concept of the present invention can be readily used when the desired additional attributes ~~of be~~ are managed by a management tool as ~~it~~ was described when discussing prior art.

Page 18. Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A method and system for generically describing and manipulating arbitrary data structures. The method ~~comprises~~ includes the steps of reading resource-specific information from a resource-specifying source (e.g., an XML file); specifying the structure ~~comprising~~ containing the resources; generating hierarchical control information (for example, a tree reflecting the structure); and enabling an access to a desired resource by calling a resource access performer with a respective reference to the resource.